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DEAR FRIENDS,

February and March have been a time of upheaval in our lives; the crushing of civil liberties in Ottawa and the war in Ukraine have shaken many of us to our core. As Canadians, we are not used to seeing conflict that has such a direct impact on our everyday lives.

The trucker convoy in Ottawa was like a nasty twitter conversation playing out in real life! It ended after the Trudeau government invoked emergency powers to freeze bank accounts and authorize police to disperse protesters using police horses and "chemical irritants".

Were these truckers fighting for freedom, or simply a group of people throwing a party with bouncy houses and hot tubs in downtown Ottawa? We need to ask ourselves: was the government's approach the right one?

In the end, the most serious charges the police could come up with is the criminal code charge of "mischief". Mischief is a criminal charge usually reserved for the police when they really, really want to arrest someone but can't decide what crime has been committed. ***There were no charges of treason,***

sedition, or terrorism, despite what the politicians and mainstream media kept telling us was the case.

As your Member of Parliament, I was in Ottawa during this bleak period of Canadian history and used every opportunity to speak out against this government tyranny. To discover more, you can view my thoughts on the subject and speeches in the House of Commons on Facebook, YouTube or TikTok by scanning the QR Code on this pamphlet and following the links from my website. As always, I appreciate any feedback and comments you leave while watching these social media streams.

I invite you to respond to my survey card attached — no postage required! I read each response personally and value the feedback that constituents share with me. If you need my help on any federal issue, please contact my office at (306) 975-6555 or email: brad.redekopp@parl.gc.ca. Please scan the QR code to sign up for my e-newsletter. Thank you again for entrusting me with the honour and privilege to represent you in our Parliament.

Sincerely, *Brad Redekopp*

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LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

Do you agree with the Trudeau government's crushing of civil liberties when ending the protest in Ottawa?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE

Do you agree that conscience rights should be protected when decisions are being made about life and death?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE

Do you agree that Canada should do everything possible to help the people of Ukraine while avoiding a larger war involving NATO?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE

Am I on the right track as your Member of Parliament?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE

Which federal leader demonstrates the best leadership skills?

☐ Justin Trudeau ☐ Jagmeet Singh ☐ Candice Bergen

How can I best represent you in Parliament?

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Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act

Over the past two years, we have seen just how important our health care system is and how critical the medical professionals who work in that system are to Canadians.

We need to create a work environment for medical professionals that protects them, supports them, and encourages them to continue in the critical work they do.

On February 4th, my colleague **MP Kelly Block** who represents the communities around Saskatoon, reintroduced a private member's bill entitled the *Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act*, which amends the Criminal Code to make it a punishable offense to coerce or intimidate in order to force a medical professional to take part in medical assistance in dying or assisted suicide. It also prohibits the firing or refusal to hire medical professionals if the sole reason is their refusal to take part in medical assistance in dying.

Freedom of Conscience is one of the first fundamental rights laid out in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is at the core of our Canadian identity. However, I am deeply concerned that many medical professionals are experiencing discrimination because of their deeply held ethical beliefs.

The recent expansion of medical assistance in dying has raised the awareness of many medical professionals to the moral dilemma they now face. In consultations with healthcare professionals, MP Block has repeatedly heard concerns that, when faced with either the violation of their conscience or the end of their careers, many would choose the latter.

The devastating impact of losing so many dedicated professionals cannot be overstated at a time when our healthcare system is suffering serious shortages.

MY THOUGHTS ON UKRAINE

Turn on a TV or fire up your computer and you'll be confronted with the war in Ukraine. For me, Putin's invasion of Ukraine is scary on so many levels.

First, there is the obvious human toll of lives lost in Ukraine – so many of us in Saskatoon have familial ties going back to the old country and we weep to see our cousins being killed. It is heart-breaking to think that people anywhere are being bombed simply because a tyrant wants to restore the glory of his old KGB days.

Secondly, while Canada has taken appropriate measures to sanction the Russian regime, war-engine and economy, doing so risks the possibility of open war with Russia. Direct conflict between

Canada, NATO and Russia by its definition is World War Three and could result in nuclear war. As Canadians, we must be aware of the very real consequences to the steps our government takes and ensure that they do everything they can to save the lives of Ukrainians, while keeping Canada and NATO out of a widespread war.

I have been focused on these issues since the beginning of Putin's invasion, sabre-rattling and dirty war. In Ottawa, I am using my seat on the Immigration Committee to hold our government to account on the issue of Ukrainians fleeing the war zone and what Canada is doing to help them. In Saskatoon, I have had many meetings with the Ukrainian community to ensure I understand your concerns, so I can better represent you in Parliament. I encourage you to follow my efforts through my website and social media channels.

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